

International Trade.
Trade of the United States with the United Kingdom in the fiscal year 1905 aggregated \$700,000,000, and formed more than one-fourth of our total foreign commerce. Statistics show that the exports from the United States to the United Kingdom in 1905 aggregated \$523,000,000 out of a total of \$1,518,000,000, and thus formed one-third of our total exports. Imports from the United Kingdom aggregated \$176,000,000, out of a total importation of \$1,117,000,000, and thus formed one-sixth of our total imports.

Expensive Antics.
Two young men who played the part of ghosts in Galway, Ireland, with extraordinary success, found it an expensive pastime. An elderly woman was acting as caretaker of a vacant house, and the young men gained an entrance to the upper rooms, where their antics so convinced the woman that the house was haunted that she left the place. The owner on his return found feather beds and pictures missing, and for these the two lively ghosts have been sentenced to six months' hard labor.

Dramatist's Opinion.
An opinion from Bronson Howard, the well-known dramatist: "Like almost everyone else who has seen 40 years' of theatrical life, I think the stage just now is overburdened with scenery and swamped with extravagant clothes. This condition cannot be kept up much longer. The managers cannot stand it. It is too expensive and the rivalry between them, each trying to outdo the other, must bring about a reaction that will do away with the whole scheme."

Wonderful Device.
Prof. P. E. Shaw, of University college, Nottingham, England, is credited with inventing an instrument of such wonderful delicacy that one seventy-millionth part of an inch can be measured. The apparatus is suspended by rubber bands from a frame in a felt-covered box, and it can be used only at night, when all the factory machinery of the city is still.

Duchess' Benefaction.
To help the Scottish fishwives and lasses, who have been put to much distress by the failure of the herring fishery, the duchess of Sutherland has introduced the manufacture of carpets at Helmsdale, on the Sutherland estate. Material and dye, as well as labor, will be of local production, and experts will supply the necessary instruction.

One Woman's Work.
Hannah Riddell, an English missionary at work among the lepers of Japan, has just received the Order of the Blue Ribbon from the emperor and her request for better care of the lepers by the government is to be dealt with by the diet now in session.

First Woman Voter.
Beatrice Sacchi, a professor at Mantua and the holder of a doctor's degree, is the first woman to vote in Italy. It seems that there is no law there to prevent a woman from voting. Miss Sacchi discovered this and went to the polls and voted.

Thirteen Eliminated.
Application No. 13 to practice law in the state of Missouri will be issued no longer to aspiring law students. Recently a would-be barrister tore it up when it was given to him, and the state board of examiners has since eliminated the number.

Bears Ruin Poles.
Telegraph poles in the remote districts of Norway have to be continually watched on account of the bears, which have a liking for climbing them and sitting on the cross-arms, swaying backward and forward until the poles finally fall.

"Sunbonnet Boss."
Mrs. W. E. Morgan, of Missouri, is "boss" of one of the richest zinc mines in that state. The employees call her the "sunbonnet boss," and they are said to like her and work well under her direction.

Bedouin Diet.
The Bedouin Arabs are small eaters. Six or seven dates soaked in melted butter serve a man a whole day, with a very small quantity of coarse flour or a little ball of rice.

Costly Seeds.
Alfalfa seed is worth eight dollars per bushel. It will soon be so that a farmer can come to town with enough alfalfa seed in his pockets to buy a new suit of clothes.

Russian Conscripts.
Every year about 280,000 conscripts are added to the Russian army. In times of peace it numbers 1,000,000 men, and is the largest standing army in existence.

Grill the He's.
There is one way the women get revenge on the men. When they want a fried chicken they always wring the young rooster's neck and save the pullets.

Noble Benefaction.
The fund to perpetuate Dr. Barnardo's noble work for English waifs has reached \$200,000, which it is hoped to increase by \$1,000,000 more.

Goes Quickly.
The trouble with income is that right away it becomes outgo.—N. Y. Press.

Philanthropist's Plan.
Bolton Hall, philanthropist, lawyer, sociologist and tax reformer, prompted by the good results that have attended his experiments in Philadelphia and other cities, is preparing to open a farm for the poor near New York city on the same lines that have met with success elsewhere. By arrangement with the Astor estate he has secured control of a farm adjoining the Morris park race track and will use it for the purpose he has in view.

German Export Rates.
The German railroads give quick transit of goods for export at favored rates. The rates from Plauen to Bremen, American Consul Hurst reports, for export, express, are only 38 cents per 100 pounds for a distance of 315 miles, and to Hamburg 37 cents per 100 for 300 miles. If the goods are not for export, the usual rate for express, taking a longer time, costs nearly three times as much.

Sent Forth to Die.
It was at the Port Arthur siege during the assault on the celebrated 103-meter hill which cost the Japanese so many men. Before sending forth to certain death a regiment held until then in reserve Gen. Nogai, addressing the colonel, said: "Your regiment is the first in all this world!" "General," replied the officer, gravely, "it will be the first in the other!"

Fruit Diet Hospital.
For three years a hospital has been in existence at Bromley, near London, where only a fruit diet is allowed to the patients, and where during that time there have been only two deaths among the 500 patients who have received treatment. The institution is known as the Lady Margaret Fruitarian hospital.

Odd Society Pet.
A baby rhinoceros is being shown at all the social functions at Nairobi, British East Africa. At a children's party the other day the quaint pet played till he was tired, drank the milk of three cows and then went to sleep. According to the local newspaper, he is shortly to be sent to London.

Harvard Student's Honor.
Vilhjalmur Stefansson, now a student at Harvard, has been appointed a member of the newest expedition in search of the north pole, which will leave Vancouver early in May under command of Capt. Ejner Mikkelsen. The Harvard student will be the youngest member of the expedition.

Looking Ahead.
Angry Creditor—What's the use of offering me a check? It wouldn't be worth a cent at the bank.
Struggling Genius—Perhaps not, sir, but some day in the future, when I am dead and gone, my autograph will make that check worth hundreds of dollars.—Chicago Tribune.

Honored German.
Chancellor von Buelow has had showered upon him princely rank by the kaiser and bequests from admirers and other unexpected honors, among them the printing over his name of the pictures of Hans von Buelow, the pianist, in American newspapers.

Hope Deferred.
Madge—Don't worry about a husband, dear. A pretty girl is certain to marry.
Marjorie—It would be all right if there wasn't such an uncertainty about the certain things of this world.—Smart Set.

Pie Capital.
A lumber firm in Maine has shipped 2,000,000 fiber pie plates to a pie baker in Providence. This seems to settle the question as to what city may be regarded as the capital of the Pie Belt.

Prize Offered.
Philadelphia is to have rapid transit. A prize will be given to any person who can offer a suggestion as to what Philadelphia will do with such a thing as rapid transit.—N. Y. Mail.

Energetic Monarch.
The king of Italy is one of the most energetic of monarchs; he was taught by his tutor never to be idle for a moment and was always punished if caught doing nothing.

Underground Road.
The longest underground thoroughfare in Great Britain is in central Derbyshire, where you can walk seven miles upon a road connecting several coal mines.

Hungry Bunch.
The new British parliament drinks half as much wine as its predecessor, but eats twice as much, and the kitchen committee is losing money on its restaurant.

Uncle Allen.
"I know men," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "who talk about the good, the beautiful and the true, and chew tobacco in church."—Chicago Tribune.

Vicious Hound.
While handling a dead fox after a run in the Belvoir country, the marquis of Exeter was severely bitten by one of his hounds.

Engine's Power.
An ordinary railway engine is equal in strength to 600 horses.

Appearance Deceives.
"It's easy to pick out the bankrupt," said the unsophisticated reporter at the creditors' meeting.
"Yes?" replied the other.
"See how shabby and careworn he looks."
"That's the principal creditor. The bankrupt is the man with the fur overcoat and diamonds."

Only a Buffer.
The editor of a Leipzig paper has gone to jail for six months for criticizing some kings of Saxony who had been dead several hundred years. The paper will not suspend publication, however, as the editor is merely a person employed to serve in prison the sentences which may be imposed for what the paper prints.

Kaiser's Novel Gift.
The silver wedding present that is said to have most pleased the kaiser was from the combined rowing and sailing clubs in Germany. It consisted of six silver models, representing the different styles of shipbuilding from the Viking galley to the emperor's yacht Meteor.

Skulls Preserved.
It is the custom in Brittany to dig up the bones of the dead after a certain time and preserve the skull only in a small box with a heart-shaped opening in its front. Each box is marked with the name and date of the dead.

Queer English League.
There is a Compulsory Character league in England, the business of which is to urge, on parliament the passage of a bill making it compulsory for all employers to give a written character to their employees when leaving.

Liquid Measure.
The Secretary—I find that your property in Swampville cost you four dollars a foot, sir. What price are you willing to sell it for?
The Rich Victim—Oh, I'll let it go for two dollars a gallon.—Life.

"King's Weather."
The recent visit of King Edward to France has given the French another English phrase, which they have added to "high life," "sportsman," "fashionable" and the rest. They now call fine weather "king's weather."

Bread Was Sad.
"Ah, darling," remarked Mr. Newed, "I see you have prepared some pudding with your own little hands. What kind is it, pet?" "Th—that," sobbed Mrs. Newed, "is b—bread!"—London Tit-Bits.

Colored Y. M. C. A.
The Y. M. C. A. in the United States has 106 branches for colored members, 74 of which are in educational institutions and 32 in cities. Their aggregate membership exceeds 8,000.

Where It Landed Him.
"What a penchant young Goldrox has for getting at the inside of things." "What now?" "Bank, then jail."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Neglect Husbands.
When one sees a woman making love to a dog it isn't hard to understand why there are some divorcees.—N. Y. Times.

Meals to Tramps.
Last year 3,585 tramps were fed at the county home at Carlisle, Pa., the meals numbering 9,333.

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